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Eminem Arrested After Nightclub Brawl

Rapper, his wife, two others taken into custody following fight in Detroit suburb Sunday morning.

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Rapper **Eminem**, who was arrested early Sunday outside a club in suburban Detroit, won't find out until at least Tuesday if he'll face charges stemming from the incident, officials say.

Macomb County, Mich., Prosecutor Carl Marlinga asked police to investigate the incident before deciding whether charges would be filed, according to prosecutor's office spokesperson Bill Harding. Marlinga met with police investigators Monday afternoon and may file charges as early as Tuesday morning, Harding said.

A spokesperson for the Warren Police Department, however, said the investigation may take several days to complete.

Eminem (born Marshall Mathers) was arrested with his wife, Kimberly Mathers, and two other people outside the Warren dance club Hot Rocks Café after a parking lot brawl. Police officers responded to a 2:20 a.m. Sunday call at the club, about 15 miles north of downtown Detroit, saying security guards were holding someone who had a gun, according to Sgt. Gary Johnson.

When officers arrived, Johnson said they found a large crowd, with several people yelling and refusing to disperse.

A spokesperson in the Warren Police station's jail confirmed that police brought Eminem into custody, but neither he nor Johnson would confirm that the rapper was one of two men arrested on suspicion of carrying a concealed weapon. Eminem was released from the jail about 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

Kimberly Mathers, 25, and Robert Brown, 24, were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. Both were arraigned in 37th District Court on Monday (June 5), where Mathers stood mute, meaning she pleaded neither guilty nor not guilty, according to a police spokesperson. Mathers is free on $300 bond until a pre-trial hearing, the date of which has not been set.

Brown pleaded not guilty and remains free on $2,000 bond until his pre-trial hearing. The name of the fourth suspect in the incident has not been released.

Dennis Dennehy, of Eminem's label Aftermath Records, said the label had no comment on the rapper's arrest. Peter Peacock, Eminem's Mount Clemens, Mich., lawyer, could not be reached for comment.

Hot Rocks manager Scott Lapansee told the *Detroit Free Press* online that fans outside the club recognized Eminem and were trying to get an autograph from the rapper, whose May 23 release, *The Marshall Mathers LP,* sold 1.76 million copies in its first week. It's the #1 album on the *Billboard* 200 albums chart.

Lapansee was unavailable for comment Monday, and calls to Hot Rocks yielded no further information.

Kimberly Mathers, also known by her maiden name, Kim Scott, is known to Eminem fans from the rapper's songs " '97 Bonnie & Clyde" (RealAudio excerpt) (from his 1999 *Slim Shady LP*) and "Kim," from the new album. In both songs, the rapper describes fantasies in which he kills Kimberly.

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